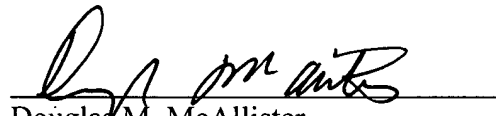


application on to an early issue.

As indicated by the Examiner, the claims of Groups I and II are related as product and process of use. Accordingly, this restriction/election is made without prejudice and with the understanding that with the allowance of a product (composition) claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of process claims which are dependent on or otherwise contain all the limitations of the product claim.

Should there be any remaining issues that need to be addressed in order to place this application into condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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